

Hospital Incident Command System

Course Description:

As recent major disasters have demonstrated, it has never been more important for hospitals to employ an organized approach to managing emergency situations. Since its inception in the late 1980s, the Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HEICS) has been implemented in hospitals across the United States and employed as the incident emergency management tool, built upon the principles of the Incident Command System. Recognizing the value and importance of using a hospital incident management system, not only in emergency situations but also in preplanned events and non-emergent situations; and, to ensure compliance with regulatory mandates, HEICS has evolved to become HICS—the Hospital Incident Command System—a comprehensive incident management system to assist hospitals to effectively prepare, respond and recover from incidents. The HICS will integrate modern emergency management principles and ensure consistency with the NIMS, but it remains based on the principles established by the ICS and HEICS. This course will cover recent changes and updates, as described in the newly released HICS guidance of October 2006.

This eight-hour HICS Course will provide the attendees with a thorough understanding of the Incident Management Team positions and roles and use of the HICS tools, including the Job Action Sheets, the Incident Response and Planning Guides, and forms. We will discuss the role of the hospital in community emergency preparedness and response and collaborative planning and will include a facilitated tabletop exercise and discuss strategies for implementing HICS into your hospital.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the HICS Course, the participant will be able to:

- Understand the principals of incident action planning
- Utilize the HICS tools in overall planning and response
- Conduct a facilitated, scenario-based exercise
- Outline the historical development of HEICS and HICS
- Discuss NIMS Implementation Activities for hospitals
- Learn the principle concepts and features of HICS
- Understand the roles and relationships of the Incident Management Team
- Understand the application and use of the:
 - Job Action Sheets
 - Incident Planning Guides and Incident Response Guides
 - HICS documentation forms
 - HICS Educational Materials
- Demonstrate organizational and communication effectiveness of HICS through a facilitated, scenario-based exercise

Target Audience:

Hospital Administrators
Emergency Program Managers
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Members
Hospital Emergency Operations Center Staff
Educational Services Staff

Department Managers
Medical Directors and Physicians
Safety Coordinators
Risk Managers
Clinic Administrators and Staff



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March 16, 2009

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Kaiser - Fontana: Palm Court II

March 23, 2009

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Registration: Class size is limited to 75, first come, first served basis.

Cost: FREE, lunch will be provided!

Registration is required!

Please register by emailing Dora Mejia at dmejia@cao.sbcounty.gov

or by calling (909) 388-5826.

Continuing Education:

Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, CEP 15034 for 7 contact hours.

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